

A Guide to North Carolina Bicycle and Pedestrian Laws

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**Guidebook on
General Statutes,
Ordinances,
and Resources**



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Links to Resources

The following online resources offer additional information about laws related to bicycles and pedestrians as well as safety materials to help educate all highway users.

NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation (DBPT)

The DBPT Web site offers information on North Carolina bicycle and pedestrian laws and policies. Knowledge of these state policies is important because North Carolina General Statute 143B-350(f) states that policies set forth by the North Carolina Board of Transportation shall stand as law: http://www.ncdot.org/transit/bicycle/laws/laws_intro.html.

North Carolina General Statutes

Chapter 20 of the General Statutes contains laws related to bicycles, pedestrians, motor vehicles, highways, crosswalks, sidewalks, and “rules of the road.” You can access specific statutes at this Web site: <http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/statutesTOC.pl>.

Municipal Ordinances

The Municipal Code Corporation, or MuniCode, Web site provides online access to the ordinances of many North Carolina cities, towns, and counties as well as those of innumerable other US localities: <http://www.municode.com/>.

Resource Guide on Pedestrian and Bicycle Laws

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has compiled a resource guide on bicycle and pedestrian laws that is available for download at this Web site: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/ped/resourceguide/>.

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Laws Pertaining to Bicycles

Supported by the Massachusetts Bicycling Coalition, this Web site contains an extensive set of Web site links for information on bicycle laws and legal issues in U.S. states and cities, Canada, Europe and the Uniform Vehicle Code: <http://www.massbike.org/bikelaw/bikelaw.htm>.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center

This Web site contains some of the most extensive online resources for bicycle and pedestrian issues such as design and engineering, safety, policy, crash information, research, and community involvement: <http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/>.

Legislation and Policies Affecting Bicycles

<http://www.bikeleague.org/educenter/index.html>.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, this Web site offers comprehensive online resources for bicycle safety, crash data, and other issues related to bicycle laws: http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/ped_bike.htm.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) produces a variety of materials to help pedestrians and bicyclists obey the law and keep themselves safe. You can access information about NHTSA's catalog at this site: <http://www.nhtsa.com/people/outreach/media/catalog/index.cfm>.

A Guide to North Carolina Bicycle and Pedestrian Laws

Bicyclists and pedestrians are a growing part of the transportation equation in North Carolina as citizens are encouraged to adopt a more active lifestyle.

Many communities are working to make their neighborhoods and downtowns more hospitable to both cyclists and walkers. But these positive changes are happening at the same time that more people are driving more miles in their motor vehicles; thus, the chances of clashes and crashes with motor vehicles increases for those walking and bicycling.

This guide, intended for use by educators, law enforcement officials, planners, and citizens, serves as a valuable tool for education and enforcement of bicycle and pedestrian laws and also serves as a reference to motorists' responsibilities in inter-actions with bicyclists and pedestrians. Access an electronic version of this booklet at: <http://www.ncdot.org/transit/bicycle/laws/resources/lawsguidebook.html>

A valuable tool for bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, law enforcement, educators, planners, and the general public

